



GENERAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
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November 10, 1969

Dear Dick,

I write to confirm the oral invitation made on my behalf to Mr. Edward Proctor on November 4 by Thomas Fina of the Committee staff to have an expert on Chinese strategic questions meet with the General Advisory Committee.

The Committee, a list of the members of which I attach, is engaged in an examination of the implications for our general foreign policy of the strategic arms limitations talks with the Soviet Union. On November 25, we shall devote the morning to hearing the views of three consultants on mainland China. We should be very pleased, therefore, to have a specialist on Chinese strategic matters from CIA join Professor Allen Whiting and A. Doak Barnett to talk with the Committee.

Our format is to ask each of the consultants to present a half-hour-long statement of his views and to respond during a second half-hour to the Committee's questions. This formal meeting is followed by a working luncheon at which the discussion can be continued. After lunch the consultants are free.

While the agenda for the Committee's meeting is not classified, we do not wish to publicize the subject of our discussions. On the other hand, the content of the Committee's discussions is classified and should not be revealed beyond the Committee. No record of the proceedings

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is available except to the Committee. The meetings themselves are open only to a very restricted number of invited senior government officials. The security clearances of the members of the Committee and its staff can be confirmed by the Department of State (Mrs. Laurel Caruthers, INR/RCI, Extension 21746).

If information is to be presented for which the other consultants and guests are not cleared, we should be glad to make special arrangements for this to be done.

I enclose a draft list of questions relating to China intended as a guide to the Committee's interests. The consultants are not expected to attempt to respond to all of these questions and other issues may suggest themselves that may be of greater pertinence to our work. However, I would hope that CIA's presentation could include a brief statement of mainland China's military capabilities with particular attention to its nuclear arms and the outlook for their development. I realize, of course, that the questions that concern us can rarely be answered with much assurance. Nevertheless, we would appreciate having the best professional judgment that can be made about them.

I would be grateful if someone on your staff could be in touch with Mr. Fina (telephone 632-0649) to work out the necessary details.

Sincerely,


John J. McCloy
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Enclosures:

1. List of Members of the General Advisory Committee.
2. List of Questions on Mainland China.

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General Advisory Committee

Questions on Mainland China

November 25, 1969

1. How does the government in Peking see its strategic relationship with the Soviet Union, the United States and Japan?
2. Where would China like to be and where does it expect to be in the late Seventies in its relationship with the US, the USSR and Japan?
3. What is China's present capability to wage a general war and what capability can China expect to have by the end of the Seventies?
4. How does China view US-Soviet strategic arms limitation discussions? How important in its relations with the US and the USSR is the issue of a US-USSR understanding on strategic arms restraint?
5. What would the impact be upon US relations with China and upon China's relations with the Soviet Union of a strategic arms limitation understanding between the US and the USSR?
6. What would China's attitude be toward taking part in formal or informal strategic arms restraint discussions with the Soviet Union and the United States?
7. In what way can the United States most effectively contribute to the maintenance of stability in the power relationship among China, the Soviet Union, Japan and itself?

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